

Please add the following new claims:

--17. The method of Claim 1 where receptor is a  $\mu$ -opioid receptor and the disease or condition is addiction to an opiate and the NO donor is ethyl nitrite.

--18. The method of Claim 1 where the disease or condition is rheumatoid arthritis and the NO donor is ethyl nitrite.--

**Remarks**

As a result of this Amendment Claims 1,17, and 18 are in the case.

Claims 2-16 are canceled herewith as being allowed in the parent case.

Claim 1 is allowed in the parent case but is left in the application to provide structure for new Claims 17 and 18.

Basis for new Claim 17 is submitted to be found in the application as filed at page 4, lines 4-9 taken with Example V at page 10.

Basis for new Claim 18 is submitted to be found in the application as filed in Example VII at page 10.

A version with markings to show changes made is attached.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Specification:

The paragraph at page 1 under "Cross-Reference to Related Applications" has been amended as follows:

This is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 10/280,085, filed on October 25, 2003, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/986,807, filed on November 13, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,472,390 [ the whole of which is incorporated herein by reference].

In the Claims:

Claims 2-16 have been canceled.

Claims 17 and 18 have been added as follows:

17. The method of Claim 1 where receptor is a  $\mu$ -opioid receptor and the disease or condition is addiction to an opiate and the NO donor is ethyl nitrite.
18. The method of Claim 1 where the disease or condition is rheumatoid arthritis and the NO donor is ethyl nitrite.--